



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

May 24, 2005

### **H.R. 599**

### **Federal Lands Restoration, Enhancement, Public Education, and Information Resources Act of 2005**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on May 18, 2005*

H.R. 599 would authorize land-management agencies to spend without appropriation criminal fines and penalties collected from violators of laws that govern the protection of federal lands. Currently, such collections (recorded as revenues) are deposited into the Crime Victims Compensation Fund and later spend (as direct spending). The four agencies affected are the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 599 would have no impact on the federal budget because the fines and penalties to be made available to the four agencies under the bill are already available to be spent without appropriation from the Crime Victims Compensation Fund.

H.R. 599 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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